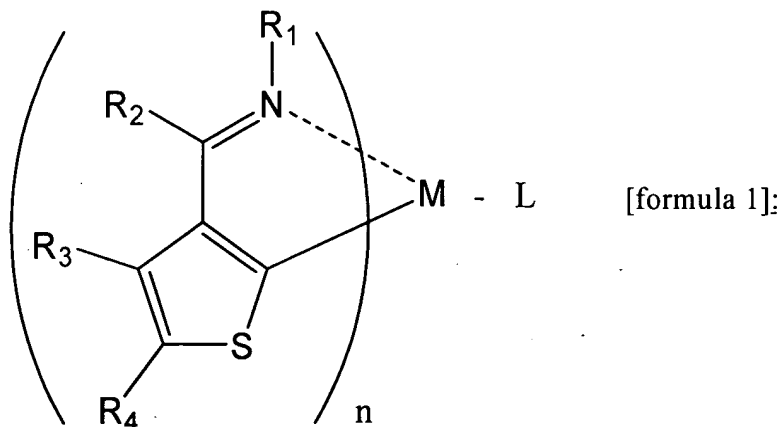


IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound represented by general formula {formula 1}:



wherein R₁ is an alkyl group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, a heterocyclic group, or a substituted heterocyclic group. ~~Also,;~~

wherein R₂ is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, a heterocyclic group, or a substituted heterocyclic group. ~~Also,;~~

wherein R₃ and R₄, each of which may be the same or different, are individually hydrogen, a halogen element, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group, a heterocyclic group, or a substituted heterocyclic group. ~~Also,;~~

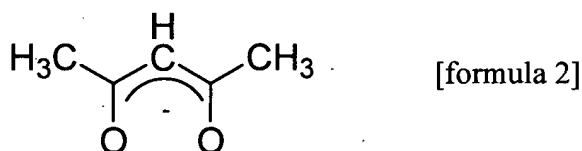
wherein M is ~~at least~~ one element of group 9 in the periodic table or ~~at least~~ one element of group 10 in the periodic table[[]];

wherein ~~When the M is at least one element of group 9 in the periodic table, n=2[[]]~~
when the M is one element of group 9 in the periodic table, and ~~When the M is at least one element of group 10 in the periodic table, n=1~~ when the M is one element of group 10 in the periodic table[[]]; and

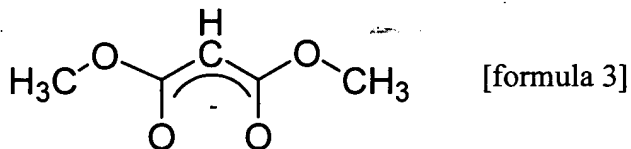
wherein ~~Also~~, L is a monoanionic ligand having a β -diketone structure, a monoanionic bidentate chelate ligand having a carboxyl group, or a monoanionic bidentate chelate ligand having a phenolic hydroxyl group.

2. (Original) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the M is an iridium element or a platinum element.

3. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula ~~[formula 2]~~.



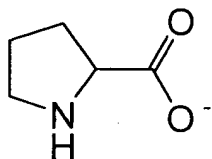
4. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula ~~[formula 3]~~.



5. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula ~~[formula 4]~~.

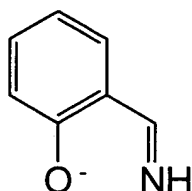


6. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula ~~[formula 5]~~.



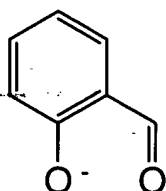
[formula 5]

7. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula ~~[formula 6]~~.



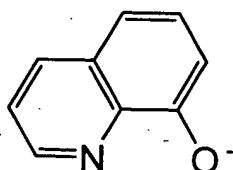
[formula 6]

8. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula ~~[formula 7]~~.



[formula 7]

9. (Currently Amended) A phosphorescent compound according to claim 1, wherein the L is a monoanionic ligand represented by structural formula ~~[formula 8]~~.



[formula 8]

10. (Original) An electroluminescent device having the phosphorescent compound according to claim 1.

11. (Original) An electroluminescent device using the phosphorescent compound according to claim 1 as a light emitter.

12. (Original) A light-emitting device having the electroluminescent device according to claim 10.

13. (Original) A light-emitting device having the electroluminescent device according to claim 11.

14. (Original) An electric appliance having the light-emitting device according to claim 12 in a display portion.

15. (Original) An electric appliance having the light-emitting device according to claim 13 in a display portion.